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REMARKS

Claims 1-17 and 31-46 were pending in the application. By this paper, Applicant has cancelled Claims 1-17, 31-40 and 44-46 without prejudice, amended Claims 41 and 43, and added new Claims 47-68. Accordingly, Claims 41-43 and 47-68 are presented herein for examination.

Allowed Subject Matter

Per Par. 17 (page 17) of the Office Action, Claim 42 stands allowed.

§112 Rejections

Per Par. 4 of the Office Action, Claims 41 and 43 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. In particular, the limitation “the instruction and operand decode mechanism” of Claims 41 and 43 lacked antecedent basis. By this paper, Applicant has amended these claims to replace the word “the” with the word “an”. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 41 and 43 are now in condition for allowance.

§103 Rejections

By this paper, Applicant has cancelled all of the remaining rejected claims without prejudice, thereby rendering all of the Examiner’s Section 103 rejections moot.

New Claims

By this paper, Applicant has added new independent Claims 66-68, which correspond generally to allowed/allowable Claims 41-43, respectively. Applicant submits that these new Claims distinguish over the art of record, and are in condition for allowance.

Applicant has also added herein new dependent Claims 47-53, 54-59, and 60-65, which depend directly or indirectly from Claims 41, 42, and 43, respectively. Applicant submits that each of these new dependent Claims is fully supported by the specification and drawings as filed (or that of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/418,663, now U.S. Patent No. 6,862,563, which was incorporated by reference at time of filing), and hence none add any new matter.

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Other Remarks

Applicant hereby specifically reserves the right to prosecute claims of different or broader scope in a continuation or divisional application.

5 Applicant notes that any claim cancellations or additions made herein are made solely for the purposes of more clearly and particularly describing and claiming the invention and responding to the aforementioned restriction election, and not for purposes of overcoming art or for patentability. The Examiner should infer no (i) adoption of a position with respect to patentability, (ii) change in the Applicant's position with respect to any claim or subject matter of
10 the invention, or (iii) acquiescence in any way to any position taken by the Examiner, based on such claim cancellations or additions.

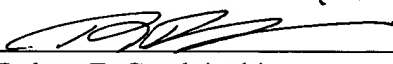
Furthermore, any remarks made with respect to a specific claim or claims shall apply only to such claim or claims.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments that may be resolved over the telephone,
15 he/she is requested to call the undersigned at (858) 675-1670.

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